

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: application of	: Group Art Unit: 1725
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VIVEK M. SAMPLE et al.	: Entitled:
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[This is a Divisional Application of	: CONTINUOUS PRESSURE
USSN 10/127,160, filed 4/19/2002,	: MOLTEN METAL SUPPLY
which is a CIP of 10/014,649, filed 12/11/2001	: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
and a CIP of 09/957,846, filed 9/21/2001, which	: FORMING CONTINUOUS
claims benefit of 60/284,952, filed 4/19/2001]	: METAL ARTICLES
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Atty. Docket 01-1550 (6)	:

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks prior to examination. This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/127,160, filed April 19, 2002.

**Amendments to the specification** appear on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the drawings** begin on page 7 and include both an attached sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.